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SUBJECT: TRADE/ECONOMIC DELEGATION TO PRC AND NORTH KOREA

1. PAO WAS INFORMED BY JOURNALIST CONTACT THAT THIRTEEN-MAN ECONOMIC AND TRADE DELEGATION LED BY MINISTER TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION GEORGET KING WILL LEAVE GUYANA OCTOBER 9 FOR LONDON, HONG KONG, CANTON, PEKING AND PYONG-YANG. KING AND WIFE WILL RETURN TO GUYANA VIA CANADA AND US; WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION TAKING VARIOUS ROUTES BACK. DELEGATION PLANS ARRIVE AT CANTON OCTOBER 14 OR 15.

2. DISCUSSIONS WITH PRC EXPECTED TO BE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM ON DELEGATION'S AGENDA ACCORDING TO BRIEFING BY KING TO DELEGATION MEMBERS INCLUDING SOURCE. KING SAID THAT OF GUYANESE DOLS 50 MILLION PRC "LOAN" (ACTUALLY LINE OF CREDIT), GUYANESE DOLS 16 MILLION HAVE BEEN SPENT WITH GUYANESE DOLS 7 MILLION TO BE SPECIFICALLY ALLOCATED DURING THE COMING YEAR (POST COMMENT: THESE FIGURES SOUND HIGH TO US.) GOG WOULD LIKE TO SWITCH REMAINDER
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TO OUTRIGHT GRANT, WITH CHINA SUPPLYING BULK OF GUYANA'S IMPORTS

OF PHARMACEUTICALS, STEEL, ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES, WIRE AND TEXTILES. ALONG THAT LINE, TWO MEMBERS OF DELEGATION ARE EXPECTED TO BE GOG'S CHIEF ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AND CHIEF OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES FOR BOOKERS. KING ALLEGEDLY TOLD OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS THAT GOG ALREADY HOLDING UP MANDATORY EXTERNAL TRADE BUREAU LICENSES FOR IMPORTS IN ANTICIPATION OF FORCING IMPORTERS TO TAKE CHINESE GOODS UNDER SUCH GRANT. KING REPORTEDLY INDICATED LICENSE FREEZE CURRENTLY AFFECTS GUYANESE DOLS 1.5 MILLION IMPORTS FROM WESTERN SUPPLIERS. GOG WANTS TO USE REVENUES FROM SALE SUCH CHINESE GOODS FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OF ITS CHOOSING. KING EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE DISSATISFACTION TO PROPOSED DELEGATION WITH SLOWNESS OF CURRENT CHINESE AID PROJECTS SUCH AS CLAY BRICK AND TEXTILE FACTORIES, AND DISMAY AT HIGH PRICES CHINESE WERE ASSIGNING TO GOODS IMPORTED FROM PRC. (HE ALLEGEDLY MENTIONED STEEL SPECIFICALLY.) KING REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT GOG DISSATISFIED WITH QUALITY, AVAILABILITY OF SPARE PARTS AND SPEED OF DELIVERY OF ITEMS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN EASTERN EUROPE AS WELL.

3. KING ALLEGEDLY INDICATED GOG DELEGATION WILL BE PUSHING SALE TO PRC OF BAUXITE AND SUGAR. HE REPORTEDLY SAID THOUGH CHINA COMMITTED TO PURCHASE 40,000 TONS OF SUGAR FROM GUYANA, IT HAS ONLY ACCEPTED 4,000 TONS THUS FAR THIS YEAR.

4. KING TOLD DELEGATION MEMBERS VISIT TO PYONG-YANG IS EXPLORATORY AND IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION EXTENDED BY NORTH KOREANS DURING RECENT AMBASSADORIAL VISITS HERE. HE SAID THAT NORTH KOREA MIGHT BE GOOD SOURCE OF HEAVY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

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